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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The Examiner in the corresponding Japanese application has stated:

- Claims 1 through 5, 10, 12 through 15, and 17
- Cited Literature 1
- Remarks

In Cited Example 1, an encoding method and encoding device in a variable length RLL encoder are described that have a table corresponding to the constraint length (corresponding to a primary conversion table and a secondary conversion table); set the bit (Y) that performs DSV control in the code word while assigning the correspondence of the data word to the code word so that the channel bit "1" does not repeat consecutively when code terms have been combined with each other; and set Y to 0 or 1 so that the DSV approaches 0.

Next, what is to be employed as the constraint length and code term of the aforementioned RLL is something that can be determined as appropriate by a person skilled in the art according to the (d, k) requirements.

Thus, the inventions corresponding to Claims 1 through 5, 10, 12 through 15, and 17 of the present application could easily be conceived by a person skilled in the art based on the inventions described in Cited Example 1.

- Claims 6 through 9, 11, 16, 18
- Cited Literature 1, 2

- Remarks

Cited Example 2 describes the use of multiple synchronous patterns to detect the state of continual minimum run, to substitute the code word so that the code word does not repeat consecutively in such a case, and to break a maximum run, and deriving the structure of the inventions corresponding to Claims 6 through 9, 11, 16, and 18 of the present application is something that could easily be conceived by a person skilled in the art by applying the art described in the aforementioned Cited Example 2 to the invention described in Cited Example 1.

If new reasons for rejection are discovered, notification will be made of the reasons for rejection.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H7-240691
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-68846

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

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An English translation of the foreign-language documents is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

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